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Bus service has its ups and downs

By Shelly Karlson
Staff Writer

Physical Education senior Dave Cowley likes SLO Transit's new bus services, although some of his peers are not as positive about the changes implemented by the city.

"The new bus system is great," he said. "Before the change the buses were always late, but now they are on time."

Harry Watson, San Luis Obispo Transit manager, said the changes were desperately needed.

"There was overcrowding, people were being left behind and the buses weren't always on time," he said. "These new changes are working slick."

Watson attributes much of the new bus routes' success to the students. He said he believes the students have adapted well to the new system.

"There has been remarkable cooperation on the students' part to fine-tune the system," he said. "And this new system gets students home the fastest way."

But some students say there are still problems with the system. Overcrowding remains the biggest one, they say.

To alleviate the dilemma, SLO Transit has implemented additional routes, such as T-5, to pick up students unable to fit on an earlier bus.

Bus driver Bernard Micu said he hasn't heard many complaints about the new system.

"The only complaint there seems to be is the printing of the bus schedule, and that is being fixed," he said.

"Overall, though, everyone is adjusting fine to the changes."

Miles Stegall, a graphic design junior, said he believes more changes should have been made.

"They made changes, but it seems that they haven't made the appropriate ones," he said. "I think that the buses need to have better hours so students can stay on campus later."

Business junior Anne Horal said that, in the beginning, the new services were difficult to understand.

"It was really confusing," she said. "It took me a long time to figure out the new schedule because they completely changed the route I used to ride."

According to Watson, some confusion and frustration was expected. "I completely mirror the students' response," he said. "I expected the confusion, but everyone seemed to have picked up the new services quick."

Agricultural engineering senior Brandon Smith said the system works well for him.

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The wall



STEVE McCRAK/Mustang Daily
Climbers reached for new heights yesterday in the Climathon.

Senior priority may be changed

Limits proposed for early registration

By Amy Hooper
Staff Writer

Cal Poly students looking to take advantage of graduating senior priority registration status may find their plans thwarted.

During Wednesday's ASI Board of Directors meeting, Administrative Commission Chair Jason Dennis announced a proposal to limit students to three quarters of priority registration.

The resolution also hopes to change the method by which students gain graduating senior priority.

Under the present system, graduating seniors are in the second group of registering students, along with graduate students.

The first group includes disabled students, athletes and new students, while the last group encompasses continuing and former students in alphabetic rotation.

"It has been widely misused," Dennis said in explaining the

basis for the proposed system.

The resolution proposes that "all undergraduate students shall be eligible for a total of three and only three priority quarters, to be chosen by the student after having completed three quarters in residence."

Submitted to the Academic Senate for approval, the proposal was written by the Senate's Instruction Committee and the university's Registration and Scheduling Committee.

"The Senate is going to look at (the resolution) this spring," Academic Senate Chair Jack Wilson said Wednesday. "Presumably, it would pass."

"You choose any three quarters you want priority registration...and then once you've used up those three quarters, you have no more priority registration."

Business junior Janine Haake, who belongs to the university's Registration and Scheduling Committee as one of two ASI student representatives, said the proposal began taking

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New birth control is the center of debate

Depo-Provera may be available at Health Center as early as next year

By Kristina Rockhold
Staff Writer

An injectable contraceptive which prevents pregnancies for a three-month span still has two area physicians debating about student use of the method.

Depo medroxyprogesterone acetate, commonly known as Depo-Provera, DMPA and even "The Shot," is now available at the San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Planned Parenthood centers.

Although not available at the Cal Poly Health Center at this time, Depo-Provera is expected to be available on campus next year, according to Health Center officials.

Used by women worldwide for decades, the method was only approved last October by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States.

San Luis Obispo Planned Parenthood Clinic Director Carlyn Christianson said she is excited about being able to offer the new contraceptive. She said she believes the method is one which will be conducive to students' needs for birth control.

"Students have a kind-of

unregulated lifestyle, so that makes it hard for them to take a pill everyday," Christianson said. "Depo-Provera is simple and has been really popular with students thus far."

Although Depo-Provera does make birth control easy, the drastic side effects and temporarily irreversible medical drawbacks are good reasons to think twice about using the method, according to one

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Andrea Brauniger
Cal Poly Health Center

authority.

"I think it would be a secondary method for students because of the side effects," said Andrea Brauniger, a physician at the Cal Poly Health Center.

Brauniger attended a conference in New York three weeks ago where Depo-Provera was discussed. Many

gynecologists also "were not thrilled" about the new method for this reason, she said.

Depo-Provera — which costs \$35 for three months, approximately the same price as for birth control pills — is injected into a woman's arm, ensuring 99.7 effectiveness.

The contraceptive is effective due to the three ways it affects to a woman's reproductive system, Christianson said.

"It stops eggs from being released into the ovaries," she said. "It makes the mucus at the opening of the cervix thick and inhospitable to the sperm, and it causes the lining of the uterus to be very thin."

"The main benefits of Depo-Provera are that it is very highly effective," Christianson said. "It is quite safe and simple to use."

But, Brauniger said, the common problems associated with Depo-Provera are reasons to be wary of using the contraceptive.

Depo-Provera — a hormonal method of birth control that does not contain estrogen — causes irregular bleeding patterns in women, weight changes, headaches, nervousness, abdominal pain or discomfort, dizziness and weakness or fatigue, she said.

Normal weight gain caused by Depo-Provera averages about 5

lbs. in the first year of use, and depression levels in users of the contraceptive have also been known to increase by 10 percent, according to Brauniger.

"Most students hate to have irregular periods, and depression never is fun," she said.

Another factor to consider prior to taking the Depo-Provera is a lingering period of infertility, Brauniger said; however, the effects are not permanent.

"The infertility period often extends beyond the three months," Brauniger said. "It usually takes seven or eight

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SLO Planned Parenthood

months for normal fertility rates to return."

Christianson confirmed this information but said that this effect of the contraceptive is no cause for worry.

"Women eventually return to their normal fertility," she said.

Brauniger said that Depo-Provera was discussed. Many

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WORLD★NATION★STATE

Wilson gets low marks on environmentalists scorecard

San Francisco, Calif.

Twenty-seven state lawmakers, all Democrats, scored 100-percent scores from the League of Conservation Voters' for their 1992 voting records on environmental issues in the California Legislature.

The League's annual voting index, released for publication on Friday, gave zero ratings to 15 of the Legislature's 120 members, all Republicans.

Overall, Assembly Democrats averaged 93 percent on the League's voting scale, and Senate Democrats averaged 81 percent. The average Republican scores were 12 percent in the Assembly and 27 per-

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cent in the Senate.

The League ratings were based on votes on 34 bills last year ranging from ride sharing incentives to tougher water and air pollution controls.

League Executive Director Sam Schuchat said that was the sharpest split

between Democrats and Republicans in the 19-year history of the group's annual ratings, and he said that partisan polarization on environmental issues is a disturbing trend.

Former Sen. Ed Davis of Northridge, who retired last year, had the highest

Republican score in the Legislature at 60 percent. The lowest scores among Democrats were 50 percent for Sen. Ruben Ayala of Chino and former Sen. Cecil Green of Norwalk, who also retired last year.

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Wilson signed coastal protection and water conservation bills, but vetoed recycling, and urban rail transit measures, among others, on the environmental priority list.

NEWS BRIEFS

Safe sex no defense for rapist

Austin, Texas

A rape suspect who claimed his victim's request that he wear a condom demonstrated her consent was convicted Thursday by a jury.

The eight-woman, four-man jury deliberated about two hours before returning the guilty verdict against 28-year-old Joel Valdez.

Several women spectators in the courtroom cheered as the verdict was read. The victim, who also watched the verdict being read, cried. Valdez showed no emotion.

Valdez told police, friends and even a national television audience that he had lucked into a sexual encounter with a woman who lived nearby after drunkenly stumbling into her apartment and picking up a steak knife.

The fact that she asked him to use a condom proved his claim, he said.

State extinguishes indoor smoke

Sacramento, Calif.

The California Assembly is putting an end to the traditional "smoke-filled room" of state government.

The lower house Thursday approved two measures that would ban smoking in all state buildings, including the Capitol.

A bill by Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, D-Burlingame, would ban smoking in all indoor areas of state-owned and -leased buildings. That would put into state law an executive order issued in February by Gov. Pete Wilson. He said at the time he had authority only over executive branch buildings.

Her bill would go further, and also ban smoking in the Capitol, legislative office buildings, state courts and state colleges.

The bill would also establish an outdoor no-smoking area within five feet of the main entrance or exit of a state building.

The bill was sent to the Senate by a 58-9 vote.

The Assembly also voted 54-11 for a resolution by Assemblyman Phil Isenberg, D-Sacramento, that would put a smoking ban in the Capitol and legislative offices into the Legislature's rules. It also goes to the Senate.

Speier said smoking is not only a health problem, but

Aspin plans new focus for SDI

Washington, D.C.

Declaring "the end of the Star Wars era" that began 10 years ago, Defense Secretary Les Aspin Thursday announced a reorganization of the Pentagon's anti-missile defense programs to scale back its goals.

The organization that has run the Defense Department's anti-missile efforts since the Reagan administration, known as the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, will be renamed the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Aspin said.

"Today we are here to observe another point of passage, which is the end of the Star Wars era," Aspin told a news conference.

Aspin said he was reorganizing the program to reflect President Clinton's goals for anti-missile defense. The main change from the Bush administration is that Clinton is dropping the goal of stationing anti-missile weapons in space, Aspin said.

"These changes are possible because of the end of a battle that had raged in Washington for over a decade over the best way to avoid nuclear war," Aspin said.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union as a nuclear rival of the United States makes it possible for the Defense Department to scale back its anti-missile program, he said.

Aspin said the administration had not changed its request for \$3.8 billion for anti-missile defense work in the 1994 budget.

"It will allow us to manage our work on ballistic missile defense in a way appropriate to its place in the overall defense," the defense secretary said.

Aspin said the two main goals of the revamped anti-missile program are to develop a new generation of weapons to shoot down short-range ballistic missiles, such as the Scud missiles that Iraq used in the Persian Gulf War, and to develop a ground-based U.S. defense against long-range missiles.

also is responsible for \$3.8 billion a year in lost productivity through employee absenteeism.

"We aren't going to balance the budget with this bill, but we might save some lives," she said.

"It's not any longer a question of annoyance," said Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks.

But Assemblywoman Doris Allen, R-Cypress, who said she quit smoking 44 days ago, complained that the Legislature was hypocritical because its health plan won't pay for programs to quit smoking.

Britain may retaliate against tax

London, England

Britain's top treasury official threatened Thursday to retaliate over a California law that taxes international companies based on worldwide earnings — not just what they make in California.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman Lamont said he has warned U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen that "the government will have to take retaliatory measures in relation to U.S.-based companies if there is not a satisfactory resolution of the problem ... by the end of the year."

Lamont said in a speech to the House of Commons that he has instructed British tax collectors to begin assessing the impact that retaliation could have on California companies.

One of Britain's top banking companies, Barclays, has been fighting California for 10 years in a case now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Barclays hopes to learn within a few days whether the high court will hear the case challenging California's so-called "unitary" tax.

Gap's quarterly earnings down

San Francisco, Calif.

The Gap Inc. announced Thursday that first-quarter earnings were down 8 percent, a result the company blamed on continued weak demand by consumers.

Net income for the clothing retailer was \$41.5 million, or 29 cents per share, for the quarter ending May 1, 1993. Earnings for the same quarter last year were \$45.3 million, or 32 cents per share. Net sales were \$644 million for the first quarter, up 9 percent from \$589 million for the same quarter last year.

"In light of the continued weak consumer demand, we are pleased with our progress in the first quarter," said Donald G. Fisher, chairman and chief executive officer.

Fisher said The Gap managed to improve profit margins by scaling back on inventory — a move that allowed the company to sell more clothing at regular prices.

The Gap operates 1,319 stores, including GapKids and Banana Republic.

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Speaker: Faculty ignorance pervasive on race issues

Professor says colleagues need ethnic studies as well

By Kelly Rice
Staff Writer

Cal Poly faculty don't want ethnic studies on campus because they don't understand ethnic issues, a speaker said Wednesday.

During a Civil Rights Awareness Week presentation, education professor Don Cheek said he believes Cal Poly needs to support ethnic studies, but there need to be people willing to teach it objectively.

"The faculty need ethnic studies, because they can't teach what they don't know," Cheek said. "I've personally invited (faculty members) down to L.A., and they say: 'Only in the daytime.' And I say: 'OK, only in the daytime.' And they say: 'Only near LAX.'"

Cheek also discussed the social turmoil after the first Rodney King beating trial verdict was announced.

"When we talk about the Rodney King issue and the issue of riot or rebellion, we see images," he said. "We understand what took place in L.A. from the images that we see: defiant youth, looters...frustration, revenge,

blacks, fury ...These images are being projected at you without questions.

"Who defines what went on in L.A.? Who gave you the language, descriptions and the definitions of what went on there? ...White, middle-upper class, educated males in white institutions.

"What do they know about a ghetto? What do they know about a barrio? The interpretation of an event is given by people who have no connection to them.

"They even labeled it a riot," he added. "Many years ago we had a problem in Boston that involved tea...and we called it a 'party.' I'm telling you we had an L.A. party."

Cheek also said people must know the background of an event before they judge it.

"Everyone has to understand that what happened in L.A. is a reflection of American society," he said. "It's a violent society."

Football, wrestling, ice hockey, boxing and movies are just a few examples Cheek gave of society's propensity for violence.

"What won for best movie?

'Unforgiven,' which was based on killing and violence," Cheek said. "You don't think our brothers and sisters saw it?"

"We learned through experience that violence solves problems...the Ku Klux Klan, Robert Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln — killed, assassinated, violent. The message is very clear."

Cheek said he believes knowing history and getting involved in the present are things people can do to help solve this problem.

"If you call yourself educated, examine the past," he said. "Most of my students don't know about history or don't know current events."

Cheek said he believes Cal Poly students need to get together and initiate change.

"Put an ad in the Mustang Daily," he said. "Initiate and look for groups to get together. We need change. We need people to put into action what they're thinking."

"You don't have to be one of them to understand and communicate. Everyone's got the opportunity to help this problem."

CIVIL RIGHTS

AWARENESS WEEK
FRIDAY, MAY 14

• **"Calender of Souls, Wheel of Fire"** — Victor Valle will read from his book of poems. Valle is a professor in the journalism department and a former staff writer for the Los Angeles Times where he won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting.

UU 220, 12-1 p.m.

• **"Sexual Harassment and You"** — A discussion of the violence of society as a whole, the violence against women and children, and our acceptance of destructive behavior in the form of sexual harassment. Dorene Ludwig is the author of "But It Was Just a Joke...!", a book on sexual harassment in the workplace.

UU 220, 1-3 p.m.

• **"A Criminological Perspective on Restorative Justice"** — A discussion and analysis of justice within the framework of a criminological peacemaking perspective. Dr. Jerome Jackson is a professor of criminology at Cal State Fresno.

UU 219, 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, May 16

• **"Difficulties in Producing Alternative Media"** — Two former alternative radio broadcasters now based in Shell Beach discuss their concerns.

To be carried live on KCPR-FM (91.3), 4-6 p.m.

All of the above events are free.

Inaugural Chicana/Latina gathering comes to Poly

By Elayne S. Takemoto
Staff Writer

The first Chicana/Latina conference is coming to Cal Poly this Saturday, inviting all "men, women, padres y amigos," to participate in a day of education, culture and entertainment.

Sponsored by Lambda Sigma Gamma, a multicultural sorority, and Cal Poly, "Mujer: She Draws the Earth and the Light Around Her," covers topics of concern in the Chicana/Latina community.

Professionals from several universities, including Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz, will present seminars on education, culture,

literature, AIDS, self-esteem and immigration from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dolores Huerta, who cofounded the United Farm Workers' Union with the late Cesar Chavez, will deliver the conference's keynote address.

When Huerta visited the campus last year, she extended an offer that conference chair Lucila Camacho decided to take advantage of.

"She said whenever there was something dealing with Chicanos or the youth, that she would be really interested in coming back," Camacho said.

Lambda Sigma Gamma, a committee created to serve a

number of purposes, has circulated flyers and information at local and South County high schools.

"This is the perfect opportunity for (high-school students) to see...that there are people who have gone through the school system and made it," said Rosario Villalpando, a Lambda Sigma Gamma member. "And they can do it, too."

The need for, and awareness of, a stronger women's support system also is a committee objective, according to Camacho.

"It's something I feel is lacking," Camacho said. "Not only in our culture but (also) in other cultures."

However, the awareness is not targeted solely at women.

"We're encouraging men to come too," Lambda Sigma Gamma secretary Melinda Castillo said. "We need to have men and women work together."

A \$500 grant from the Multicultural Center helped the committee get the event together, but came far from covering the entire cost.

Faced with the challenge of raising more money, the committee went to various departments and colleges for funding.

Villalpando said she was especially excited to find out about a large donation from President Baker's office.

"It's nice to know that the president of your school is honoring...and aware of your culture," she said.

Open to men and women of all ethnicities, the conference will offer entertainment ranging from El Ballet Folklorico de Mexico to singer/guitarist Marta Macias, during an authentic sit-down lunch on Dexter Lawn.

"We wanted to do something because it reflects our organization, we're mostly Chicana and Latina women," Camacho said.

Donations of \$5 are requested to cover expenses. Registration check-in time is at 8 a.m. in the Business Administration and Education building.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

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COMMENTARY

Handicapped appreciation



By Tom Slater

There are four steps up to the front door of my house, a simple detail that I wasn't aware of until I ventured out into my neighborhood on crutches. If you had asked me sometime before today, I'd have guessed either four, five or maybe even six.

I usually skipped up two or three at a time, so it's not something I was really aware of. But I am positive now that there are four. It is amazing how the body adjusts and the other senses are sharpened when one part of the body isn't functioning properly.

It was early morning, that time of morning, if you know what I mean, and it was also allergy season. I was out of toilet paper and Kleenex. It was a crisis situation, and I had to jam down to the corner store to grab some paper products.

I hobbled over to the door (sporting a swollen right foot wrapped in five ski socks) and grabbed my crutches and my car keys. As I opened the door, I was met with the fact that there was no way I was going to be able to drive a car with a stick shift. I looked around the house and all my roommates were out, so there was no one to take me. I refused to call a friend — why bother them? — so I proudly shut the door and approached the front steps that led down the sidewalk.

There I was on the front porch looking down some stairs — I got the same sort of feeling I got on my first day of learning how to ski. Four steps isn't exactly an enormous mountain, but I could think of easier ways to learn how to crutch. I teetered on the edge and slowly began to maneuver my way down. It was there that I learned the first rule of crutching stairs — always crutches first followed by the good foot when going down, otherwise you'll hang yourself because you can't lower your feet if you can't lower the rest of your body.

After negotiating the stairs, I

moved down the sidewalk toward the supermarket. The sidewalk was a beginners green square compared to the expert black-diamond rated stairs. I was enjoying the sun and blue sky until I started across my first driveway. The awkwardly-bumped and slightly-pitched drive apron got my crutch swinging cockeyed. I tried to compensate, but it was too late. I launched into an incredible sequence of spastic movements, aluminum and flesh misfiring, and didn't recover until I pitched both crutches out in front of me and put my one good foot down behind me. I was now aware that the green-square sidewalk could quickly change into a blue-dot drive apron within seconds.

Further along, an old lady, out of sympathy or empathy, paused in her automobile and let me cross the street. By this time I was completely humbled and very grateful for this act of kindness. Someone was at least aware of the trouble I was experiencing.

As I approached the store, I noticed a little blue sticker with a wheelchair on it stuck to the glass door. It said, "Ask manager for assistance." I felt good knowing that I at least had that if I needed it.

I paused for a plastic blue basket. I had to hook three fingers on the basket handle and then hook a finger and thumb on the left crutch handle. It was a bit uncomfortable, but endurable; but after the long journey down the sidewalk, I was in no mood to casually stroll through the supermarket. I used the hanging signs (for the first time ever) and located aisle seven — Deodorant, Soaps, Tissues. I skipped the usual colorful browse of the food-packed aisles and bee-lined it for my toilet paper. With the angle of my crutches and the blue basket, I was definitely a wide load. People were polite and

usually made room so that I could pass — either that or they would avoid eye contact and scurry on past me. I grabbed my toilet paper, noticing that all things were well within reach, picked up some Kleenex and deodorant and then bee-lined it to the crowded check-out lines. No mercy here; everyone is equal in the check-out line. Fair enough, but my shoulders were beginning to drift up toward my ears.

I was rung through without any comments with the exception of "paper or plastic?" I chuckled a bit. I replied "plastic" and pointed out that it had handles that I needed. I did this in order to straighten out the poor girl's ignorance of the disabled; along with five ski socks, I was also wearing a new mind-set.

I awkwardly crutched home with my armpits beginning to chafe and my stomach muscles tightening.

After 10 minutes I was again at my front steps. With a little more confidence, I began my upward ascent, only to learn rule number two of crutching stairs — good foot first followed by crutches when going up. After all, you can't raise your body if your feet (foot) is on the ground.

Once inside, I tossed the crutches into the corner and began peeling off the socks. I looked at my watch. A 10-minute trip to the store turned into a 40-minute hassle. Being disabled sure slowed life down; but for me, it was good.

I was able to spend the time thinking about the things I had been taking for granted. I was thankful that my disability was only imaginary. The burning armpits would fade in few minutes, but this disability-awareness experience would stay with me much longer.

Tom Slater is an English graduate of Cal Poly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Humans

"You're all acting like a bunch of animals. If this is where your mentality fits, then move to the zoo" (from "The sweet science," by Nicole Medgin, May 11). What is implied here may be one of the most egotistical, vain, heedless, disconnected, unnatural and discombobulated assertions ever made. The moment humans cease to behave like and be animals is presumably the moment of our extinction, but certainly the moment we cease to be human.

Brian S. Leander
Engineering Science

Leaving Yugoslavia behind

In the Monday, May 10 Opinion Section, Sergio Gallegos (don't be fooled by the capitals) delivered an entirely unnecessary verbal body slam to Rick Carlile — whose only sin appears to be disagreeing with a politically-correct article Sergio took a liking to.

Well, Sergio, you said Peter Hartlaub shouldn't have to pack up his bags and leave the United States for writing his commentary. So you have no possible justification for turning around and telling Rick Carlile that he should leave.

Kicking people out of the country wouldn't solve anything, anyway. If people leave the United States in search of others with more palatable political views — if they subdivide the world into thousands of shiny new countries, each with its own exclusive ruling ethnic group — then you'll get Yugoslavia all over again.

Bruce Rose
Computer Engineering

Cultural flavor

This letter is in response to all the letters on people expressing their feelings on adding prefixes to the nationality of "American."

I am not saying that you have to reject your heritage, but people that are born in America are considered "American." The idea of adding a prefix, suggested by Gerald Reyes as a true way of keeping your heritage alive, is idiotic. If this was true then I do not want to be associated with white people but instead as an "Italian-American." This means that I consider the term "white" as a stereotype. If this continues, I do not want to see the term white used again, but use the list — Italian-, French-, English-, Irish-, etc.

There are other ways to keep your heritage alive; food, family celebrations and personal values. My close friends know that I have a strong Italian heritage because I cook Italian food. My grandmother passed on family spaghetti sauce recipes to me so I could continue cooking real Italian dishes. The men in my family have made homemade red wine for decades and I plan on continuing.

I don't expect everyone to understand me, like the same food I like or celebrate holidays like my family does, but I do want everyone that lives in America to consider themselves Americans, or don't group the "white" race together. That is like grouping all Hispanics together because of language (May 10 article).

Albert Dondoro
Computer Engineering

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Poly has new resource system

Library's 'Mustang' allows access to more information

By Annie Brinan
Staff Writer

A new computer system for accessing information is now on-line through the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

The system, called MUSTANG, allows users to get information from various resources on campus and across the country, according to Ilene Rockman, associate dean of library services.

The system also can reach some international resources.

"(MUSTANG) provides access to information we would not have been able to get any other way that is so timely," she said.

Rockman said the system,

which was implemented at the beginning of spring quarter, can be accessed from off campus through a modem, or on campus through any terminal connected to the campus network.

Computer science senior Guy Martin, who helped Rockman implement MUSTANG, said the system lets students and faculty reach 10 times as much information as before, 24 hours a day.

Martin said the system can be used to access PolyCat, Uncover, Melvyl and other types of electronic information, such as data bases, newsletters and full textbooks. The Library of Congress and magazines and newspapers from around the country also can be accessed,

he added.

The system also can be used to reach other library information, such as library hours, news and services.

Rockman said she wants students and faculty to know that "the library is here to service instructional and research needs."

Rockman and Martin are already working on new ideas and are constantly trying to update the system. Compared to other university libraries, "Cal Poly is at the head of the pack," Martin said.

They are hosting a conference for member libraries Thursday and Friday of next week.

ASI

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form during fall quarter of this academic year.

"It originated because there's inequity between the different colleges," she said. "Not only were the requirements to get senior priority different, the length of time that you would have senior priority was different."

Haake said that under the new system, students would gain senior priority by entering a code through CAPTURE, eliminating paperwork.

She said the electronic registration system would also keep track of how many quarters students used senior priority.

Haake said most students she talked with about the proposal reacted positively; but some did not like the idea.

"The people I know who don't want it are the people who are planning on finding the loopholes in the system, where they can

get these seven quarters of priority registration," she said. "We're closing one of the loopholes."

If approved, Haake said, the changes would be implemented winter quarter of the next school year.

Also at Wednesday's meeting:

• The Board unanimously approved agribusiness sophomore Louie Brown as next year's ASI executive vice president.

ASI Special Projects Chair Erica Brown gave a brief report to the Board about her committee's interview with Louie Brown on Monday.

Mike Rockenstein, a director from the College of Liberal Arts, followed her report with a recommendation for Brown, his former roommate.

"He's pretty knowledgeable," Rockenstein said. "He's pretty hands-on about things, and he's pretty open in terms of wanting to get things done."

Frat's 'ugly woman' skit given free speech protection

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A university fraternity was protected by the First Amendment when it staged an "ugly woman" skit that the school and some students found racist and sexist, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a victory for Sigma Chi, which performed the skit in 1991 as part of a fund-raiser at George Mason University's student union.

The skit featured several frat

members wearing women's clothes. One student wore blackface, stuffed his outfit with pillows to simulate large buttocks and breasts, and spoke in slang to parody blacks.

"From the mature advantage of looking back, it is obvious that the performance, apart from its charitable fund-raising features, was an exercise of teen-age campus excess," Judge James M. Sprouse wrote.

"The low quality of entertainment does not necessarily weigh in the First Amendment in-

quiry."

Even nude dancing and "crude street skits" are constitutionally protected forms of expression, Sprouse wrote.

After the performance, 247 students signed a petition condemning the skit's "racist and sexist implications" and the school sanctioned the fraternity.

The appeals panel upheld a ruling by U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton, who had nullified the sanctions that were aimed at curtailing Sigma Chi's social activities for two years.

The fraternity remained active while the case was appealed.

The university argued that sanctions were justified because the skit undermined the school's mission of promoting a culturally and racially diverse student body. University spokesman Daniel Walsch said any further appeal would be a decision for the school's governing board.

"Freedom of speech is certainly crucial to an effective university learning environment," the university said in a statement. "At the same time, for us the

original incident was always a behavioral issue. Sexist and racist behavior are unacceptable at George Mason University."

The appeals court said the school "should have accomplished its goals in some fashion other than silencing speech on the basis of viewpoint."

The appeals court noted that the fraternity apologized for the skit, making it clear the group did not seriously advocate segregation or inferior social status for women.

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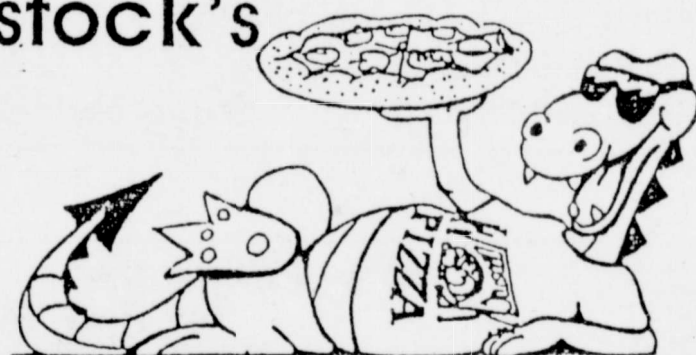
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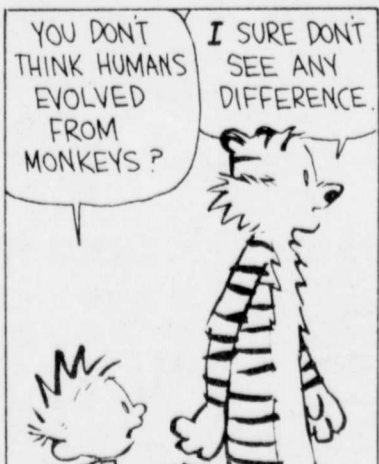
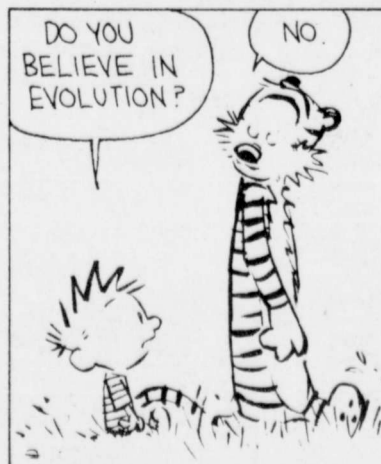
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Eppricht now leads men into NCAAs

By Kevin Comerford
Staff Writer

When the Cal Poly women's tennis team was eliminated at the NCAA Division II Championships, it was the end of a very successful season.

But for coach Chris Eppricht, it marked a new beginning.

After the women fell to top-ranked UC Davis in the NCAA finals, Eppricht was off to Oklahoma to coach his other team, the Mustang men, in their NCAA championships.

Eppricht has been the coach for both the men's and women's teams for the last two years. And while some might think coaching two teams could leave both squads at a disadvantage, Eppricht has managed to win conference coach of the year honors for the men and women the past two years.

In the last week, Eppricht has piled up his frequent flyer miles.

The women's championships ended on Tuesday and Eppricht got back into San Luis Obispo at 10 p.m. that evening. He was then off to Oklahoma at 7 a.m. the next morning, which gave him a cool nine hours to relax.

Eppricht is due for a long vacation when the men's championships are finished, but for now, he must hold together and keep the team fired up.

"All the traveling has taken a toll on my body," Eppricht said. "The excitement right now is the

only thing that is keeping me going."

The 25-year-old coach said there are advantages to coaching both teams. One plus is that there's never any argument between the teams over court time. The teams practice together, and that has created some great friendships among the men and women.

"We have a great deal of camaraderie in our whole tennis program," Eppricht said. "Both teams support each other a great deal."

Before becoming a Mustang supporter himself, Eppricht coached at Pomona-Pitzer one year after receiving his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Santa Clara. As a member of the Broncos' tennis team, he never lost a conference match and was selected three times to the All-West Coast Conference team.

And now Eppricht hopes to add a national championship to his coaching credentials.

Going into this weekend's championships, Cal Poly faces second-seeded Lander of South Carolina in first-round action. Cal Poly's men finished third last year with Eppricht at the helm.

Don't expect him to try and help the men win a title any differently than he aided the women reach the championship match, however.

"I don't prefer one or the other," he said.



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The NCAA tennis playoffs have overworked coach Chris Eppricht.

Poly hopes to build on past success

The Cal Poly men's tennis team has taken either first, second or third place at the last four NCAA Division II Championships.

While the Mustangs' past success has earned them respect, it did not earn Cal Poly one of the top four seeds in this year's championships.

The unseeded Mustangs (17-3 overall) will go up against

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second-seeded Lander of South Carolina (11-1) in first-round action of the team tournament today at 9 a.m.

Cal Poly hopes to better last season's third-place finish at the NCAA championships.

In last year's tournament, the Mustangs fell to eventual champion UC Davis in the semis, before beating Rollins for third place.

Following the team championships, five Mustangs will compete in the singles tournament and three doubles teams will be represented in the doubles championships.

Playing in the singles tourney will be Mark Nielsen (23-8), John Montgomery (15-3), Steve Arnott (17-5), Marc Ollivier (15-6) and Ricardo Reyes (12-6).

Teaming up in doubles are Nielsen/Reyes (10-2), Josh Johnston/Arnott (10-2) and Ollivier/Montgomery (6-1).

Mustang track teams share CCAA title dreams

By Christopher Black
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Although their immediate goal of winning a California Col-

legiate Athletic Association title is the same, the Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams' motivation for doing so is different.

The Mustang men are looking to maintain their stranglehold on the rest of the CCAA, as they seek to clinch their fourth consecutive conference crown this

weekend in San Diego.

The meet will be held at the UC San Diego campus today and Saturday.

"If I were a betting man — and I'm not — I'd bet on our chances [of being CCAA champs]," said Brooks Johnson, who, along with Terry Crawford, is in his first year as co-director of the track program.

Leading the Mustangs' hopes are Dan Berkeland (3,000-meters), Brian Adamick (pole vault), Jerry Edwards (decathlon) and Scott Hempel (5,000-meters).

The Cal Poly women are looking to avenge their first conference loss in 11 years. After winning 10 consecutive titles from 1982-91, they finished their '92 CCAA campaign in second place.

Crawford, who like Johnson has coached a U.S. Olympic team, is equally confident of the Mustang women's chances this weekend.

"I feel like our team is well-prepared to win the conference title, but it's going to take a total team effort," she said.

Both coaches cited Cal State Los Angeles as the team to beat and mentioned the importance of strong performances from Cal Poly's middle- and long-distance runners.

Crawford said athletes like Gabby McKenzie, Dina Moore, and Nika Horn will be people to look out for in the middle distances, with Jennifer Lacovara and Angela Orefice the keys in the longer events.

Johnson was reluctant to comment on the importance of individual competitors, focusing more on the team element.

"We're going (to San Diego) as a team, and we're gonna rise and fall as a team," said Johnson. "I'm very enthusiastic about the way the kids have responded, and given their level of performance this year, the coaches can't really complain."



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Cal Poly track members stretch in practice before heading off to this weekend's CCAA Championships.

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